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## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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### THE HOLLAND NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Welcome letters which should have reached us earlier, have come from Holland, both from Miss Hubrecht and the Nurses' Association, telling us that *Nosokomos* still exists as an independent, self-governing, national society of trained nurses, the difficulty described in an earlier number having been adjusted in a way that leaves the character and value of the association intact. We rejoice at this news and regret that the executive officers feel chagrined at having had the points of dissension published, as they think, prematurely.

But, from our point of view, on this side, it does not seem altogether regrettable that publicity should be given to all the struggles of women and of nurses for the control of their own affairs, knowing how difficult it is for them to make headway and how continuous and hard the struggle is. The war for democracy is permeating all our smaller affairs, and secret diplomacy having been discredited, the great aid to all of us in our contests with local oppressors is full and public information.

When we meet again in international conference, we shall have delegates from Holland to help in reconstruction work, and we feel certain that they will take, in our lesser affairs, the same broadly balanced and liberal, tolerant part that their brave and sturdy country has taken in the terrible warfare of Europe.

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### TO NURSES ENGAGED IN MAKING A SURVEY

It is very necessary that all individual cards for nurses should be properly and fully filled out. Try to obtain the name of the training school and the date of graduation in each case, also the name of the town in which the nurse is at work, as well as her street address. Unless these things are done, the work is almost useless. Those who seem most careless in this respect are the "graduates not R. N."